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In re Application of:

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
HOMOCONJUGATES OF ANTIBODIES
WHICH INDUCE GROWTH ARREST OR
APOPTOSIS OF TUMOR CELLS

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Y. Eyler

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED SEPTEMBER 20, 1999**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 20, 1999, for which the date for response was October 20, 1999.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to November 20, 1999, which

is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Arnold White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/UTSD:521/WIM.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the Group I invention, as exemplified by claims 1-25 and 43-52. Accordingly, claims drawn to the Group II invention (claims 26-29) and the Group III invention (claims 30-42) are canceled from the present case without prejudice or disclaimer.

Further, Applicants elect to have the initial examination of this case conducted with regard to the species of conjugates to CD19. This election is made without traverse.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of this case in view of the above. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions relating to this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned Applicants' representative at (512) 418-3035.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including November 20, 1999, in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement dated September 20, 1999.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a one-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an